


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-210-W/S - ORDER NO. 2002-8
JANUARY 10, 2002

IN RE: Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. for) ORDER 
an Increase in Rates for Water and Sewer Services) ESTABLISHING
provided to its Service Areas in South Carolina.) MODIFIED FILING
) SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of United Utility Companies, Inc. (United or the Applicant) for an extension of time in which to prefile its testimony and exhibits. United was originally scheduled to prefile its testimony and exhibits on or before January 9, 2002 as set forth in Commission Order No. 2001-1107 issued December 11, 2001.

By letter dated January 2, 2002, counsel for United requested that the Commission grant United a one (1) week extension to prefile its testimony in this matter. As reasoning for his request, counsel for United stated that additional time is needed to complete United's testimony due to the recent inclement weather which effectively closed counsel's office. Additionally, United's counsel cited other pressing matters as reasons for making it difficult to file United's testimony by January 9, 2002. Counsel for United advises the Commission that United would consent to a similar extension being granted to the other parties for filing of their testimony and exhibits.

Upon consideration of United's request, we approve and grant the request for an extension of time to prefile testimony and exhibits. Under the modified prefile dates, the

Applicant shall prefile and serve its direct testimony and exhibits on or before **January 16, 2002**. Staff and/or intervenors shall prefile and serve their direct testimony and exhibits on or before **January 30, 2002**. (The parties may file and serve the direct testimony and exhibits by mail on the indicated dates.) The Applicant's rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, shall be filed and served on or before **February 1, 2002**. Surrebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, of the Staff and/or intervenors shall be filed and served on or before **February 4, 2002**. (The parties must have any rebuttal and surrebuttal materials in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on the indicated rebuttal and surrebuttal dates.) Admission of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is within the discretion of the Commission. Witnesses must be present at the call of the chairman, or, if a witness is not present, the Commission reserves the right to exclude that witness' testimony from the record and exhibits from the evidence.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director
(SEAL)